

Washington State Farm Service Agency Special Report:

FSA At Work Across Washington State - FY 2002

The Washington State Farm Service Agency delivered more than \$276 million in payments to Washington State farmers and ranchers during FY 2002. These numbers do not include payments generated by new or enhanced programs under the 2002 Farm Bill.

Price Support: \$106 million

Washington State producers received \$106,079,442 in support during FY2002: \$65,097,204 in direct payments and \$40,982,238 in commodity loans. These programs help improve and promote the economic stability of agricultural communities and ensure equitable delivery of program benefits and services.

\$62,866,583 - Production Flexibility Contracts (PFC) allowed commodity prices to be driven by market factors, rather than by government-funded subsidies and production controls. The new Direct and Counter Cyclical Program created by the 2002 Farm Bill has replaced this program.

\$169,569 - The Lamb Meat Assistance Program (LMAAP) assisted producers who suffered financial losses due to a depressed market.

\$654,174 - Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) were made to producers who agreed to forgo the loan in return for a payment on the eligible commodity. LDP provisions allow compensation when market prices are low, as long as the producer maintains beneficial interest in the commodity.

\$1,308,203 - Potato Diversion Program paid farmers to divert fresh russet potatoes to charitable institutions, livestock feed, ethanol production, and/or render them nonmarketable and destroyed.

\$28,264 - Apple Market Loss (AMLAP) provided economic assistance to apple producers for market losses.

\$40,982,238 - Commodity Loans were made available to eligible producers who use stored crops as collateral. The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) makes loans for eligible commodities: corn, wheat, grain sorghum, barley, oats, soybeans, minor oilseeds, rice, peanuts, and cotton. Loans are issued as "non-recourse" or "recourse" depending on the quality and/or moisture content of the commodity.

\$70,411 - All other price support programs.

Conservation: \$83.4 million

FSA has invested \$83,439,241 in Washington State's conservation programs. By assisting owners and operators in conserving and improving soil, water, and wildlife resources we all help protect our most fragile farmland. The Conservation Reserve Program is the USDA's single largest environmental improvements program as well as one of the most effective. Our conservation partnerships include:

\$77,976,768 - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is a voluntary program providing financial incentives to farmers who convert highly erodible cropland or environmentally sensitive acreage to long-term vegetative cover.

\$1,025,534 - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by wind erosion, floods, or other natural disasters, and for carrying out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought.

\$1,683,338 - Wetlands Reserve Program is a voluntary program that offers landowners financial incentives to enhance wetlands in exchange for retiring marginal agricultural land.

\$2,365,276 - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary, locally-led conservation program that provides technical, financial and educational assistance to farmers and ranchers. EQIP encourages environmental enhancement on private lands through 5 to 10 year contracts or conservation plans.

\$388,325 - All other conservation programs.



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Disaster Assistance: \$14.2 million

Producers received \$14,234,219 in disaster assistance programs during FY2002. From drought to flood, freeze to tornadoes, natural disasters can severely hurt even the best run agricultural operation.

\$4,465,304 - Quality Loss Program (QLP) compensated farmers who suffered at least a 20 percent loss in crop quality due to weather-related disasters.

\$4,221,386 - Apple and Potato Quality Loss compensated producers who suffered at least a 20 percent loss in the quality of their apple and potato crop due to weather-related disasters.

\$1,831,446 - Crop Disaster Programs helped compensate producers who suffered crop losses due to adverse weather and other natural disasters.

\$3,711,503 - Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP) provided a measure of protection against losses caused by natural disaster for producers of crops for which crop insurance is not available.

\$4,580 - All other disaster programs.

Farm Loans: \$72.2 million

The Farm Service Agency has made \$72,287,060 in direct and guaranteed farm operating loans, farm ownership loans and emergency loans to Washington State eligible farmers and ranchers who operate family-size farms and who are temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit.

\$56,242,000 - Guaranteed Loan Program. Under the Guaranteed Loan Program FSA guarantees loans made by conventional agricultural lenders for up to 95% of any loss. All loans must meet certain qualifying criteria to be eligible for guarantees.

\$16,045,060 - Direct Loan Program. For those unable to obtain a guaranteed loan, FSA offers the Direct Loan Program. These loans are made and serviced by FSA Farm Loan Program staff located in FSA Service Centers.

Program Payments By County* - \$162,766,006

Adams	\$ 20,008,467	Grays Harbor	\$ 122,761	Pierce	\$ 43,081
Asotin	\$ 2,696,072	Island	\$ 63,005	San Juan	\$ 9,154
Benton	\$ 6,020,816	Jefferson	\$ 37,258	Skagit	\$ 1,221,355
Chelan	\$ 359,702	King	\$ 50,426	Snohomish	\$ 252,591
Clallam	\$ 67,775	Kitsap	\$ 28,632	Spokane	\$ 5,596,291
Clark	\$ 66,435	Kittitas	\$ 516,845	Stevens	\$ 1,087,236
Columbia	\$ 5,737,802	Klickitat	\$ 6,437,441	Thurston	\$ 33,725
Cowlitz	\$ 186,731	Lewis	\$ 407,539	Wahkiakum	\$ 89,858
Douglas	\$ 12,481,171	Lincoln	\$ 15,579,963	Walla Walla	\$ 16,718,805
Ferry	\$ 190,619	Mason	\$ 9,305	Whatcom	\$ 1,491,548
Franklin	\$ 10,452,125	Okanogan	\$ 3,687,506	Whitman	\$ 25,250,430
Garfield	\$ 6,187,074	Pacific	\$ 432,365	Yakima	\$ 6,019,767
Grant	\$ 12,993,742	Pend Oreille	\$ 130,587		

*** Does not include farm loans or commodity loan figures.**

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